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AUTHORISATION SYSTEM**  
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**RESPONSE TO 6 JUNE 2006 OFFICE ACTION  
(37 CFR §1.111)**

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In Response to the Office Action of June 6, 2006, reconsideration of the objections and/or rejections and further examination of the application are requested.

**Petition for Extension of Time to Respond**

The period for response is hereby extended THREE month(s) to expire December 6, 2006 by this Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time. A PTO-2038 authorizing a charge for the appropriate petition fee of \$510 (37 CFR §1.17) accompanies this Response.

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